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SUMMARY. INCONVERSATION ABOUT HIS U.S. VISA (REF A), "TFSC FONMIN" CHELIK COMMENTED ON U.S. "THOUGHTS" FOR ADVANCING NICOSIA TALKS (REF B); COMPLAINED THAT U.S. POLICY IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN IS PRO-GREEK; AND INFORMED US THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR ONAN IS NOT GOING TO LIBYA. END SUMMARY.

1. IN PREPARATION FOR AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH DENKTASH LATER ON MAY 3 (SEPTTEL) DCM ASKED CHELIK IF HE HAD PASSED NIMETZ-LEDSKY THOUGHTS ON SUBSTANCE FOR NICOSIA TALKS TO OTHER TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES. CHELIK SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THEM WITH ONAN AND HOPED ONAN WOULD INCLUDE SOME OF U.S. IDEAS IN HIS PRESENTATIONS IN MAY NICOSIA TALKS. CHELIK DUCKED FURTHER COMMENT ON SPECIFICS OF U.S. SUGGESTIONS AND CHANGED THE SUBJECT WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE TWO-LINE MAP.

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2. CHELIK SAID U.S. SUGGESTIONS FOR CLARIFICATION AND AMPLIFICATION ARE TANTAMOUNT TO A REQUEST FOR NEGOTIATION IN THE PROCESS OF WHICH POLICY POSITIONS ARE REVEALED. HE IMPLIED THAT THIS IS FURTHER THAN THE TURKISH CAN GO AT THIS TIME.

3. CHELIK THEN NOTED HE HAD BEEN TROUBLED BY ONE ASPECT OF

HIS CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY CLIFFORD; THIS WAS REINFORCED BY ONE PART OF CLIFFORD APRIL 29 LETTER TO DENKTASH. DISTURBING POINT WAS CLIFFORD'S APPARENT "DISAPPOINTMENT" WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL. DENKTASH HAD JUST SHOWN LETTER TO CHELIK AND HAD SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO REPLY ON THIS. CHELIK MAINTAINED THAT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL IS REASONABLE. ITS IMPORTANCE IS NOT WHETHER IT WOULD CREATE A FEDERATION OR A CONFEDERATION BUT THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE FOR DYNAMIC MOVEMENT TOWARD A WORKABLE FEDERATION. TURK CYPRIOTS MUST DEVELOP TRUST IN GREEK CYPRIOTS BEFORE THERE CAN BE AN EFFECTIVE FEDERATION.

4. TURK CYPRIOTS WERE ALSO TROUBLED BY COUNSELOR NIMETZ'S APRIL 21 STATEMENT TO CONGRESS. CHELIK HAD SEEN A COPY OF THE STATEMENT BEFORE ITS RELEASE AND IT HAD BEEN "SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED" AGAINST TURKEY AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN ITS FINAL FORM. DCM POINTED OUT THAT PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATION'S EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN POLICY IS TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH TURKEY AND GREECE. PART OF IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY IS TO CONTINUE ARMS SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY; ADMINISTRATION STATEMENT WAS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF POLICY.

5. DROPPING THIS LINE OF CRITICISM, CHELIK SIAD HE HAD NOTED THAT NIMETZ HAD BEEN ASKED BY "A CONGRESSMAN" WHETHER U.S. HAD A DCA WITH GREECE; WHETHER ONE WAS BEING NEGOTIATED; IF IT WOULD BE COMPLETED SOON AND WHETHER GREECE WAS PARTICIPATING FULLY IN NATO. ANSWER TO ALL WAS "NO"; ANSWER TO SAME QUESTIONS ABOUT TURKEY IS "YES", SO WHY DOES GREECE GET BETTER TREATMENT  
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ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE THAN TURKEY? HE ANSWERED RHETORICALLY THAT IS IS OBVIOUS USG IS INFLUENCED BY GREEK LOBBY AND IS PRO-GREEK. DCM ASKED CHELIK WHAT ANSWER WOULD BE IF QUESTION WAS IN WHICH COUNTRY U.S. HAD ACCESS TO DEFENSE FACILITIES.

6. CHELIK ADVISED THAT U.S. PRIORITY SHOULD BE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH TURKEY AND GREECE. IMPROVEMENT IN TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS WILL ONLY COME AFTER BOTH HAVE BETTER RELATIONS WITH U.S. U.S. SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON THIS, NOT ON CYPRUS, BECAUSE "CYPRUS PROBLEM BASICALLY IS SOLVED."

7. FINALLY, CHELIK INDICATED THAT ONAN WILL NOT GO TO LIBYA AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. HE WOULD NOT INDICATE IF THIS MEANT NICOSIA TALKS COULD BEGIN BEFORE END OF MAY.  
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